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EDITORIAL OPINIONS OF THE LEADING JOURNALS UPON CURRENT TOPICS—COMPILED WEEKLY BY DAY FOR THE EVENING TELEGRAPH.

OCEAN CABLES AND UNITED STATES LAW.

From the N. Y. Tribune. Our French friends who were so fast with their new Atlantic cable find a lion in the way. The opinion of the Attorney-General, which we published a day or two ago, compels them to await an express grant of authority from Congress before landing their cable on our shores.

The decision of the Attorney-General promises to be a harder blow to the French enterprise, but it affects likewise the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company. This organization represents that great ocean-telegraphic triumph in which all of us take a just pride. Several millions of its stock are held in this country. It was the pioneer company. Its history appeals to the sympathies of all Americans, and it, as all feel, should be the first to profit by any grant of authority to connect with our shores.

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By the opening of the new year, therefore, the work of reconstruction was completed. When this is accomplished the leading object which induced two or three hundred thousand voters scattered all over the country, to support General Grant for the Presidency, will have been secured.

IMPORTANT FROM CUBA.

From the N. Y. Herald. The intelligence from Cuba, both by telegraph and mail, is of the highest importance. It will be seen that a revolution has been consummated in Havana. General Dulac, on signing his forced resignation, declared it to be "the last of Spanish rule in Cuba," and it has filled the Spanish Minister at Washington with alarm.

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thousand Cubans who are to be brought to account. We fear that a terrible massacre is impending in Havana, in which Americans and Cubans will be slaughtered without distinction. Should General Rodas on his arrival attempt to control this fierce and ignorant volunteer element, he may make matters worse instead of better.

We have constantly endeavored to awaken the Government to a sense of the true condition of the Cuban question, and of the perils it involves to the individual interests of our citizens and our national interests at large. It would seem as though a darkness like that which cursed Egypt is spread before the eyes of the administration, and that they are wrapt in a sleep as deep as that of death.

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away. The men to use and to be used seem provided for each other.

For once Mr. Wilson has spoken the truth. A pity it is that he had not had the courage to do so long ago, when the evil which he now deprecates, being, then in its incipience, might have been prevented. The world of warning which then might have proved effective, now comes too late.

The whole influence of our National Government, since the control of it fell into Republican hands, has been thrown in favor of a policy of centralization. Nor has this influence been circumscribed by the walls of the national Capitol. It has penetrated to every State Capitol, inducing State Legislatures to assume prerogatives of which the more claim in earlier days would have driven from his seat every legislator who dared assert it.

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THE PACIFIC RAILROAD.

From the N. Y. Times. Wendell Phillips has found another first-class grievance, and he advocates its correction more than ever. He is shocked by the inhuman treatment of the Indians by our Government, and he urges them to tear up the rails of the Pacific Railroad. His exultation over some of their exploits in this way is refreshing. It reminds one of the palmist days of the anti-slavery agitation.

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